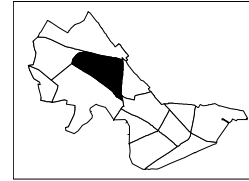


NEIGHBORHOOD 9

PEABODY



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

11,794 residents
5,538 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:

\$58,708

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	48	43	59	50	43
Street Robbery	11	13	7	13	11
Auto Theft	26	38	18	24	20
Larceny from MVs	61	111	125	105	104
Malicious Destruction	79	72	83	52	45
Drug Incidents	3	5	8	3	2

Peabody experienced a few different types of crime patterns in 2009. One late night street robbery pattern, which actually began in November 2008, ended in January after four suspects were arrested in a similar incident in Boston (see Street Robbery section on page 28). Multiple evening housebreaks were reported during the first quarter of 2009 in Agassiz, Peabody, and North Cambridge; an arrest was made in April (see Housebreak section on page 40). Small concentrations of larcenies from motor vehicles emerged sporadically along the Mass Ave border between Peabody and Agassiz over the course of the year, as did dipper activity in cafés and restaurants in the Harvard Square area (see Larceny from Person section on page 45).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	150	53	51
Street Robbery	21	14	10
Auto Theft	94	42	31
Larceny from MVs	74	60	82
Malicious Destruction	135	72	77

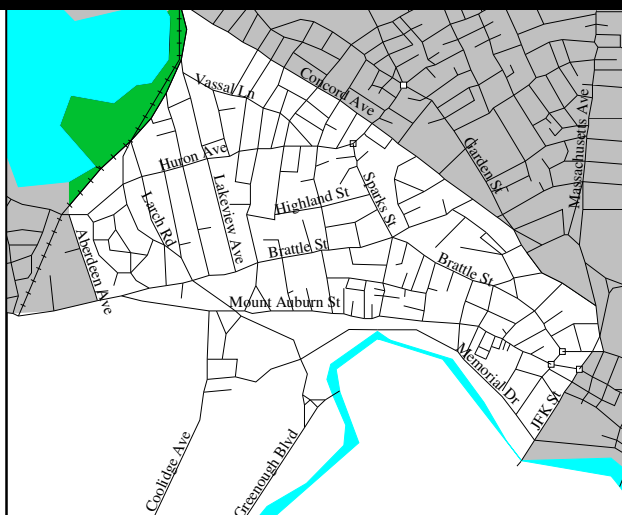
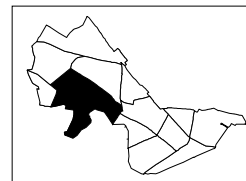
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residences include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way), and hundreds of single- and double-family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** and **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Ave and Upland Rd.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles** typically rank high in Peabody compared to most other neighborhoods in Cambridge.

NEIGHBORHOOD 10

WEST CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

8,149 residents
3,986 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:
\$80,746

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1-officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and Harvard 16.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	41	43	31	33	23
Street Robbery	5	4	6	13	4
Auto Theft	30	13	24	26	25
Larceny from MVs	76	63	105	139	116
Malicious Destruction	61	57	52	50	40
Drug Incidents	5	6	3	7	5

In 2009, most of the crime in West Cambridge took place in and around Harvard Square. One of the most persistent problems in this area over the past few years has involved dipper activity (larcenies from persons) at cafés and restaurants in the Square. This year, patterns of larcenies from persons developed in January, April, October, and November; all of these patterns ended in arrests (see Larceny from Person section on page 45). The other crime to plague this area in 2009 was larceny from motor vehicles (LMVs). Patterns of daytime LMVs developed along the western periphery of Harvard Square in March and again in November (see Larceny from Motor Vehicle section on page 43).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	105	38	38
Street Robbery	18	11	8
Auto Theft	105	41	26
Larceny from MVs	134	72	78
Malicious Destruction	92	76	60

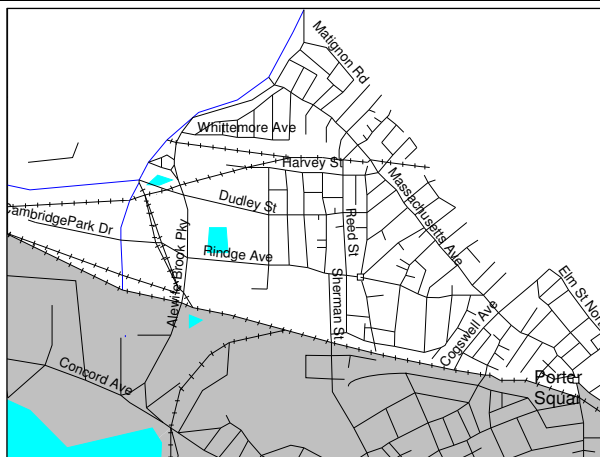
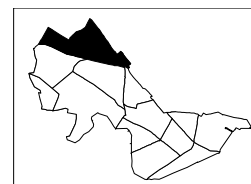
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is geographically the largest neighborhood in the City. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic. Its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Although West Cambridge's population is slightly higher than average, almost all of its target crimes are lower than average. Only **larcenies from motor vehicles** ranked higher than average in 2009, due to sporadic patterns of daytime car breaks in the periphery of Harvard Square. Larcenies in this neighborhood tend to be concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks St, Concord Ave, and Mt. Auburn St.
- Housebreaks**, once a pressing problem, have been reduced substantially since the 1980s. Summertime residential burglary patterns, once the scourge of West Cambridge, have not appeared for years.
- Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles, used by college students and Harvard Square visitors, parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from persons** become a problem every spring and summer around Harvard Square and in its many commercial establishments. In 2009, this problem continued sporadically throughout the year, resulting in multiple arrests

NEIGHBORHOOD 11

NORTH CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

11,237 residents
4,948 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999: \$44,784

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	52	31	55	34	54
Street Robbery	16	18	11	22	12
Auto Theft	41	21	24	21	20
Larceny from MVs	53	64	100	90	74
Malicious Destruction	96	108	68	88	54
Drug Incidents	9	18	12	8	11

The first pattern to emerge in North Cambridge this year was a housebreak pattern in January, which also affected the Agassiz and Peabody neighborhoods; this pattern resulted in an arrest in April (see Housebreak section on page 40). In May, a multi-jurisdictional pattern of armed street robberies developed near Harvard Square and along the border of Cambridge and Somerville near the Porter Square MBTA station. Thanks to a collaboration between Cambridge Police, Somerville Police, and MBTA Transit Police, this pattern was eradicated with an arrest in late May (see Street Robbery section on page 28). There was also a very brief pattern of overnight larcenies from motor vehicles in November between Clifton, Harvey & Montgomery Sts.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	100	64	50
Street Robbery	30	21	16
Auto Theft	130	68	34
Larceny from MVs	105	62	71
Malicious Destruction	125	112	91

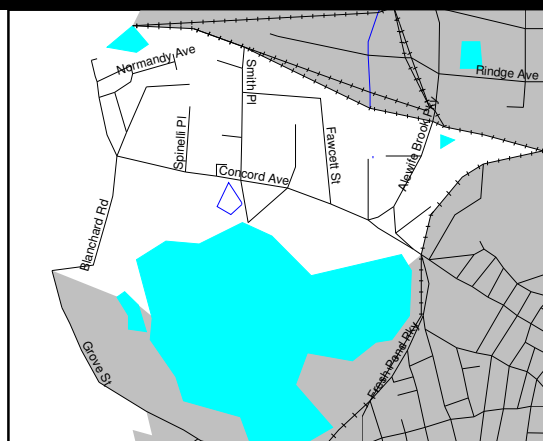
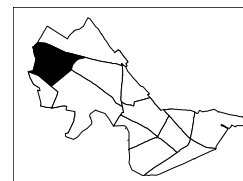
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak average has been cut in half since the 1980s.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. In 2009, a pattern developed around the Porter Square MBTA Station (see above or page 28 for more information).
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) throughout the year. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is also reported frequently in this area.

NEIGHBORHOOD 12

HIGHLANDS



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, the Belmont line, and Fresh Pond.

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

498 residents
267 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999: \$56,500

Neighborhood #12 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included is walking route 12C.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2005-2009					
CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	1	3	2	2	2
Street Robbery	4	5	2	1	5
Auto Theft	5	3	6	3	4
Larceny from MVs	16	18	21	20	9
Malicious Destruction	18	16	8	11	10
Drug Incidents	1	1	1	0	0

The only notable incidents in the Highlands in 2009 were three commercial breaks that were part of a one-night spree on Concord Ave and Smith Place in November. No arrests were made. There were also five larceny incidents in May in which credit/debit cards and cash were taken from victims' purses at the Kindercare Learning Center on Concord Ave.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	6	2	2
Street Robbery	8	2	2
Auto Theft	54	16	6
Larceny from MVs	38	23	17
Malicious Destruction	28	26	20

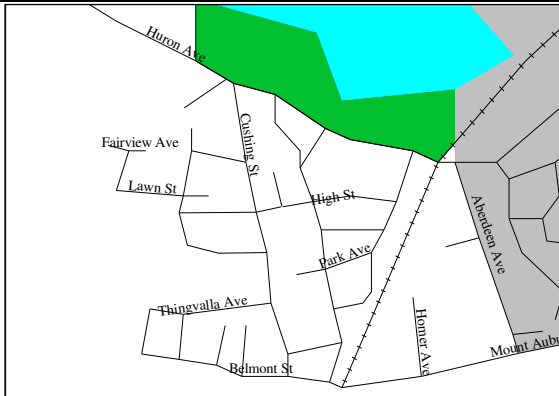
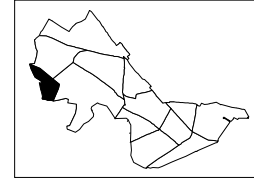
NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridge Highlands' minuscule population makes for very little residential criminal activity in the neighborhood. The Highlands' border encompasses the Fresh Pond Mall, the northern part of Fresh Pond, and a number of warehouses. Most crime here is commercial and is covered in the business district profiles.

- Cambridge Highlands typically vies with Strawberry Hill for the lowest index crime totals in the city. For almost all index crimes this decade, it has ranked twelfth or thirteenth out of the thirteen neighborhoods.
- **Auto theft, larceny from motor vehicle, and malicious destruction** have occasionally become a problem in the Fresh Pond Mall and Fresh Pond Cinema parking lot. Mall security, however, has drastically reduced such incidents in recent years—almost to the point of statistical insignificance. Small patterns of automobile-related crimes have been known to emerge on Smith Place and Mooney Street.
- **Larceny from persons** occasionally exhibits some patterns around the Fresh Pond Mall and the Fresh Pond Cinema, where pocket-pickers use the darkness of the theater to conceal their crimes.

NEIGHBORHOOD 13

STRAWBERRY HILL



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, the Watertown line, and the Belmont line.

POPULATION AS OF 2000:

2,510 residents

1,094 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME AS OF 1999:
\$44,107

Neighborhood #13 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Car 13R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 13A and 13B.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 2005-2009

CRIME	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Housebreaks	8	9	11	6	4
Street Robbery	2	6	0	0	2
Auto Theft	8	6	5	9	4
Larceny from MVs	21	17	18	32	19
Malicious Destruction	23	15	23	14	18
Drug Incidents	0	1	1	3	0

Strawberry Hill experienced only one notable pattern in 2009. From March to September, there were at least 14 identified breaks into golf course pro shops across eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire, one of which took place at the Fresh Pond Golf Course Pro Shop in the Strawberry Hill neighborhood of Cambridge in August. Two suspects were arrested in connection with this pattern in Brookline in September (see Commercial Burglary section on page 38).

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR STRAWBERRY HILL TARGET CRIMES			
Crime	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2009
Housebreaks	17	10	9
Street Robbery	4	3	2
Auto Theft	17	8	8
Larceny from MVs	22	12	18
Malicious Destruction	25	23	21

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

With its small population, Strawberry Hill challenges Cambridge Highlands for the lowest crime rates in the City. The neighborhood's citizenry includes the residents of the Corcoran Park housing development and the large apartment building at 700 Huron Avenue. Its primary commercial establishment is Shaw's Supermarket.

- Overall, Strawberry Hill can be considered one of the safest areas in the City. In 1995, 1996, 2001, 2007, and 2008 there were no **street robberies** reported, and only one reported in 1999 and 2004.
- Corcoran Park has historically been a "hot spot" for the occasional **housebreak**, and for some juvenile crime. Frequent "Park and Walks" address these problems.
- For **auto theft**, **larceny from motor vehicles**, and **malicious destruction**, Strawberry Hill continually ranks as one of the lowest in the City. The "hot" spots for these crimes tend to be centered in the area of 700 Huron Ave or the Shaw's parking lot.

